

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for removing polyps from an inner lining of an internal cavity uses a polyp-severing head extending from one end of a sheath. The polyp-severing head comprises a conductive hook or conductive forceps for engaging the 5 polyp and for discharging electrical energy into the engaged polyp to sever the polyp from the inner lining of the internal cavity. In exemplary applications, a physician manipulates the polyp-severing head around the polyp and engages the polyp near the inner lining surface. The physician then discharges electrical energy into the polyp via the polyp-severing head. The electrical energy transferred from the polyp-severing head 10 to the engaged portion of the polyp severs the polyp from the inner lining surface.